Assessment of schools

2799. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment was made on the quality education being imparted in the Government schools/Government aided schools and in the private schools;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof and the follow-up steps being taken/ proposed to be taken thereon;

(c) whether the Central Advisory Board of Education paid any attention to severely deteriorated quality of education in Government schools/Government aided schools;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No specific assessment has been made in this regard. However, consideration of quality of education has always been the part of the studies undertaken by various committees and these are duly considered while formulating policies.

(b) Improvement in the quality of school education is a continuous process. Government is committed to effecting improvements as part of this process.

(c) to (e) No, Sir. Most of the norms for secondary schools recommended by the CABE Committee on Universalisation of Secondary Education are already fulfilled in majority of the Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas. The CABE Committee on Girls' Education & common school system has also, *inter alia*, suggested that States should invest in public shcool system with standards, norms, buildings etc. with the same standard as that of Kendriya Vidyalayas.